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### WAYSIDE IS A-COMING.

Armstrong County Community Developing Rapidly—Will Vote of School House Bonds.

According to reports reaching this city this week the little town of Wayside, situated in Armstrong county, but whose trade naturally comes to Canyon City on account of its location on this side of the Palo Duro canyon, is getting a hustle on itself. The people in that community have organized what is known as the Wayside Educational Club, a club on the order of a commercial club having for its purpose the advancement of all the interests of that section of Armstrong county.

This club is getting busy and is engendering great interest in all kinds of educational matters. There is now being circulated a petition for signatures requesting an election to determine whether or not \$5,000 worth of bonds shall be issued for the erection of a school house for that district. According to esti-

mated plans the community desire to erect a frame school building having a large assembly hall on the second floor and three or four recitation rooms on the first floor.

The petition now being circulated is being generously signed, in fact we understand that every citizen approached has signed the article, which goes to show the interest manifested.

Recently there has been erected a church building at this place and there is also a movement on foot for the laying out of a townsite. This is made necessary on account of the educational interests for nearly every man owning land in that section will want a home near to the school and church. There are said to be several persons and firms who desire to enter mercantile lines there and some steps are being taken looking to a daily line of communication from Canyon City to that place.

The Educational club has also under consideration the holding of a rural life convention during the summer at which time anyone interested may meet and camp with these people for a week's outing and in addition have the benefit of the experiences of farmers and others who are interested in the agricultural development, not only of the Plains, but of the entire United States. The club proposes that if the convention is held, to have several noted people to address the assembled farmers and others, possibly H. W. Campbell, the father of the Campbell farming system, and other men of like note.

### Opposes City Bond Issue.

Editor News:

The writer, as he sees it, has ever been in favor of necessary and substantial public improvements. If not the first he was one of the foremost to advocate the incorporation of the town, the issue of bonds for the erection of the brick school buildings; also for our magnificent court house now nearing completion. He has stood by and been an active and contributory member of the commercial club of the town from its very first being, some five years ago, until its membership dwindled down to less than a "baker's dozen" and its calls were answered by less than the scriptural "two or three." This past individual account is cited only for the purpose of showing that, if a knocker now against public enterprises as some charge, 'tis a recent birth in his case. He has always "spoken in meetin'" when present in the flesh, and he now, thru the columns of the News, with the best of feeling toward those who see fit to differ with him rises to question the wisdom and justice, under present conditions, of bonding Canyon City in the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of securing a waterworks and sewerage system for the use of a part of the town only—when all must foot the bill.

The proposition, still embryo, however, contemplates, with reference to the waterworks, only two mains running east and west, presumably down Houston or the street north of Houston or, maybe Evelyn street; these mains, (only two) to be crossed by three other lines or mains, one at either end or near there and the center one about the public square. From this it will readily be seen that only a portion of the town can be anything like conveniently served with waterworks. All, however, must assist in paying the price. But it is argued by those who favor the proposition that "this is only a start" and "that after awhile the mains will be extended so as to serve all." This is, indeed, an excellent solace as far as it goes, but when we come to consider that to obtain this good beginning the town must of necessity be bonded to the limit allowed by the state constitution

it looks, to say the least of it, rather dark for the majority who are left out at the start. They, the tax payers, who are left out at the start, must, perforce, wait until the town grows and then, perhaps, the new growth won't stand for it. Who knows?

On the sewerage part of the proposition the Mayor informs the writer that 6 or 7 mains running east and west are contemplated. The same objections may apply here—the few get the service, the many pay for it.

The present city taxes the writer is informed, are forty cents on each one hundred dollars valuation. Assuming that this levy is necessary for the present current expenses of our city government and it is, beyond reasonable question, or it would not have been called for a still further levy will be required to pay interest and provide a sinking fund for the bonds in question. This one item alone will require some twenty-six hundred dollars additional, or say twenty-five cents more tax—in all some sixty-five cents. And then to all this must be added the running expenses of the plants. This one thing alone the running expenses, to say nothing of the first cost, has placed several good Texas towns fully as big as Canyon City, in the hands of a receiver.

Then again, it doth appear to the writer, that the citizens are, asked to take a "pig in the poke." "Nothing definite," so His Honor the Mayor, admits, is yet known where the well or standpipe, or the mains or crosslines will be, or the cost of the same complete and ready for service, and notwithstanding all this an election is ordered for June 3rd to vote for or against this bond issue. True the Mayor says that "definite plans and figures are expected prior to June 3rd" but why not have them before so that our citizens might know when they come to vote, just what they might expect for their money.

In concluding this chapter out of this think shop the writer desires to be understood as impugning no man's motives in connection with the propositions at bar. He feels satisfied, beyond a reasonable doubt, that those who differ with him on this matter, do so rather from lack of experience and observation than from error of judgment; that their intentions are good, as good as his own he here now submits. The writer's only motive, if he correctly gauges himself, may well be likened unto that of the "lookout" on the fore-top who, when he perceives dangerous reefs in the course of his good ship, gives utterance to the cry "Breakers ahead!" Summed up: The town is not strong enough, under present circumstances, to successfully battle with the obstacles in the way and to attempt it will only bring disaster. Such is the conscientious opinion of your fellow-citizen.

GEO. A. BRANDON.

BORN—Last Monday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Pipkin, a bouncing girl. Mother and babe are doing nicely and Ed will be able to attend to business within the next three weeks.

Judge B. Frank Buie left Monday for Farwell where he is engaged in cases in the District Court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hilburn and their family, of Hinton, Oklahoma, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawley in this city this week.

E. H. Ackley, otherwise known as Alderman Ackley, left last Monday for a trip to Plainview and other points at which he is interested in lumber yards.

We are receiving a nice variety of fresh vegetables, three shipments a week. Fine potatoes, beans, tomatoes. White Swan Grocery Company.

### PLAINVIEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Bond Issue is Given Almost Unanimous Vote—Maintenance Tax Also Carries.

In a recent election held in Plainview for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds in the amount of \$30,000 should be issued for the purpose of erecting a new high school building, there was polled against the bonds the total number of three, the proposition carrying by an immense majority. It was also decided that the trustees should have the power of levying and collecting a maximum tax of fifty cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property for the support and maintenance of the public schools there.

Speaking of the matter the Plainview News has the following to say:

"Already the board has plans from a number of architects either of which if properly carried out would give us a high school building that would be a credit to any city. Also the Board of trustees has option on some lots that are in the very heart of the city. No time will be lost in securing the location and floating the bonds so that excavations can be made at the earliest possible date. It is the purpose of the Board to push the work as fast as possible.

"The second proposition was a very important one. Heavy expenses will of necessity be incurred next year. The faculty must be increased, in fact disbursements along all lines will be much greater in the future. To meet these expenses the funds must be increased and to increase the funds it was absolutely compulsory on our part to increase the taxes for the district.

"The News wishes in this connection to place its stamp of approval upon the action of those who went to the ballot box Saturday and voted in favor of better schools for our town. This is the enterprising spirit that makes towns and cities. Such enterprise will make Plainview a city noted for her educational facilities. It will pay any town to look well to her schools."

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pipkin have been spending several days of this week on a visit with relatives at Hereford, Friona and other points.

### City Taxes.

All city taxes are due before June 1. After that date a penalty of ten per cent will be added.

J. H. JOWELL,  
7-3tc City Marshal.

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**Paul M. Will  
Umbarger, Texas.**

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